
City of Edmonds Police Department

Service Efforts and Accomplishments: 2011



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Letter from Chief Al Compaan



Chief's Message – Annual Report

Mayor Earling, Edmonds City Council Members, Citizens of Edmonds:

I am proud to present our 2011 Service Efforts and Accomplishments report. Transparency, accountability and trust are watchwords that guide our day to day activities here in the Police Department. An integral part of accounting for our activities is our annual report. Numbers of crimes we solve and arrests that we make, and services we provide our citizens, are the results of our daily law enforcement mission – all with the overall goal of enhancing public safety and quality of life.

Our efforts during the year improved our crime clearance rate (crimes solved by arrest) for burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft, compared to the previous year. We are particularly proud of this accomplishment

given the uptick in the numbers of these crimes reported to us. We were proactive about communicating with our citizens the fact that we were experiencing a marked increase in burglaries, particularly during the fourth quarter of the year. In turn, good old fashioned police work and key witness information provided to us by citizens enabled our patrol officers and detectives to arrest several “hard core” burglars responsible for a number of burglaries in the region.

Edmonds Police were also instrumental with getting a regional burglary task force in play, drawing together representatives from law enforcement agencies throughout the area to concentrate on the regional burglary epidemic. Those efforts also were fruitful with exchange of beneficial leads and information that led to further arrests. Our net result here in Edmonds was a 20% clearance rate for burglary, which is a respectable clearance rate for a crime that often lacks witnesses or much physical evidence, making them tough to solve.

Even though the crime of burglary was in the forefront regionally in 2011, I remain very proud of our accomplishments in the area of crimes against persons, as well. We maintained strong clearance by arrest rates for rape, robbery, and assault (75%, 82%, 86% respectively). These clearances are only attained by the hard work of our personnel, putting the pieces of the puzzle together – oftentimes in a very tedious manner. The clearance rates are demonstrative of the efforts involved.

We appreciate the support from our citizens and from our elected officials. We ended 2011 on budget, and continued into 2012 exercising prudent fiscal restraint. We endeavor to be good stewards of the public's resources that are provided to us. Please contact me should you have questions or comments.

Al Compaan
Chief of Police
May 15, 2012

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Executive Summary

Mission

The mission of the Edmonds Police Department is:

Service in partnership with the community – a commitment to excellence.

Core Values

The Edmonds Police are committed to the following core values:

- *Leadership*
- *Integrity*
- *Service*
- *Teamwork*

Vision

- We see our department in cooperation with the citizens of Edmonds, becoming more attuned to, and responsive to their needs. We intend to do this through improved management techniques, mutual respect and developing our people's full potential.
- We will be innovative, using emerging technology to maximum potential.
- We recognize that our growth is dependent on public confidence and support, which we will strive to accomplish through professionalism.

Trends

The Puget Sound region saw a slight increase in crime during 2011. During 2011, the "Crime Rate" in Edmonds increased slightly from 22.7 in 2010, to 25.7 in 2011. The driving force behind this increase, both in Edmonds and the region as a whole, was a significant increase in daytime residential burglaries. In response to this increase, the department temporarily assigned an additional officer to the Detective Unit. This officer concentrated on crime data analysis. This allowed the Detective Unit, the Street Crimes Unit, and the Patrol Unit to work cooperatively amongst themselves and with our law enforcement partners, to identify several organized groups who were committing these burglaries. As a result, numerous arrests were made and a great deal of the property stolen during these burglaries was recovered. During that same 2010 to 2011 time period, Edmonds saw an increase in the number of reported burglaries (183 to 255), larcenies ((616 to 630), aggravated assaults (36 to 41), thefts from vehicles/vehicle prowls (200 to 209) and motor vehicle thefts (48 to 57). A decrease was observed in the number of robberies (23 to 22) and arsons (14 to 11). Edmonds again experienced zero murders during 2011.

Traffic collisions were again down in 2011 (632 to 615), however traffic related fatalities increased (1 to 3). Traffic citations/infractions issued were up (5778 to 6063), while DUI arrests were down slightly in 2011 (166) from 2010 (169).

The following report contains information on the service efforts and accomplishments of the Edmonds Police Department to support its mission, core values and vision, as well as data on the above referenced trends.

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Employee Recognition

Each year, the Edmonds Police Department recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of our employees as well as outstanding contributions of citizens and community members. This event takes place in May of the following year during National Law Enforcement Memorial Week.

Below is a list of awards bestowed at this year's (2011) ceremony for accomplishments in 2010:

Citizen Service Citation

Master John Tullis
Mr. Richard Kennedy
Mr. Seth Hamlin
Ms. Marjorie Ess
Mr. Aidan Stewart
Mr. Garry Arnold
Mr. Jacob Kimerer
Ms. Angela Debotton
Mr. Robert Dunbar

Award of Excellence

Officer Anthony Collins

Letter of Commendation

Deputy Chief Nancy McAllister – Port of Seattle Police
Sergeant Jason Valentine – Lynnwood Police
Officer William Nelson
Officer Earl Yamane
Detective Ross Sutton

Meritorious Service Citation

Officer Shane Hawley

Distinguished Service Citation for Valor

Police Dog Rocky

Non-Commissioned Employee of the Year

Anne Johnson

Chief David N. Stern Memorial Officer of the Year Award

Officer Anthony Collins

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Reduction of Crime and the Fear of Crime

The goal to reduce crime and the fear of crime is a standard goal of law enforcement agencies worldwide. Efforts to support this goal vary due to differences in laws, limitations and liabilities of law enforcement agencies, community preferences, socio-economic factors, and available resources.

The means chosen to provide direction for the Edmonds Police Department in support of this goal are to:

- Use information for crime analysis,
- Apprehend offenders,
- Prevent crime, and
- Improve citizens' feeling of security.

The measures on the following pages report the efforts and accomplishments of the Edmonds Police Department as reflected in the amount of crime:

- Crime rates and statistics,
- Crime incident case clearance rates,
- Adult and juvenile arrest and charge statistics,
- Workload of crime prevention efforts,
- Public communications activities.



Officer Steve Morrison participating in Family Reading Night at Chase Lake Elementary School

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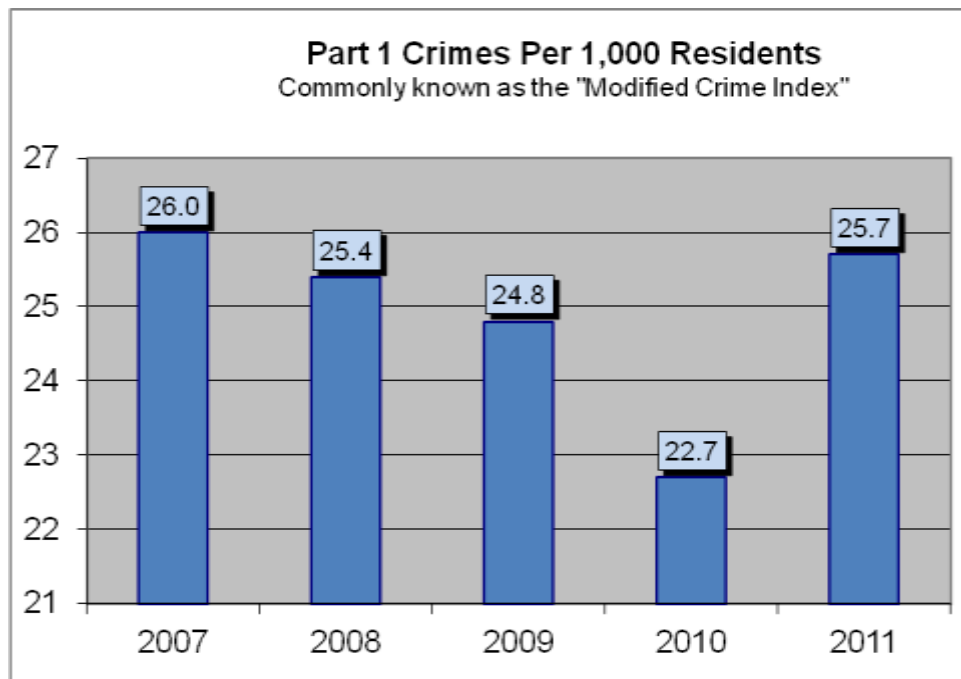
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Use of Information for Crime Analysis

The “Crime Rate”

Total Part I Crimes

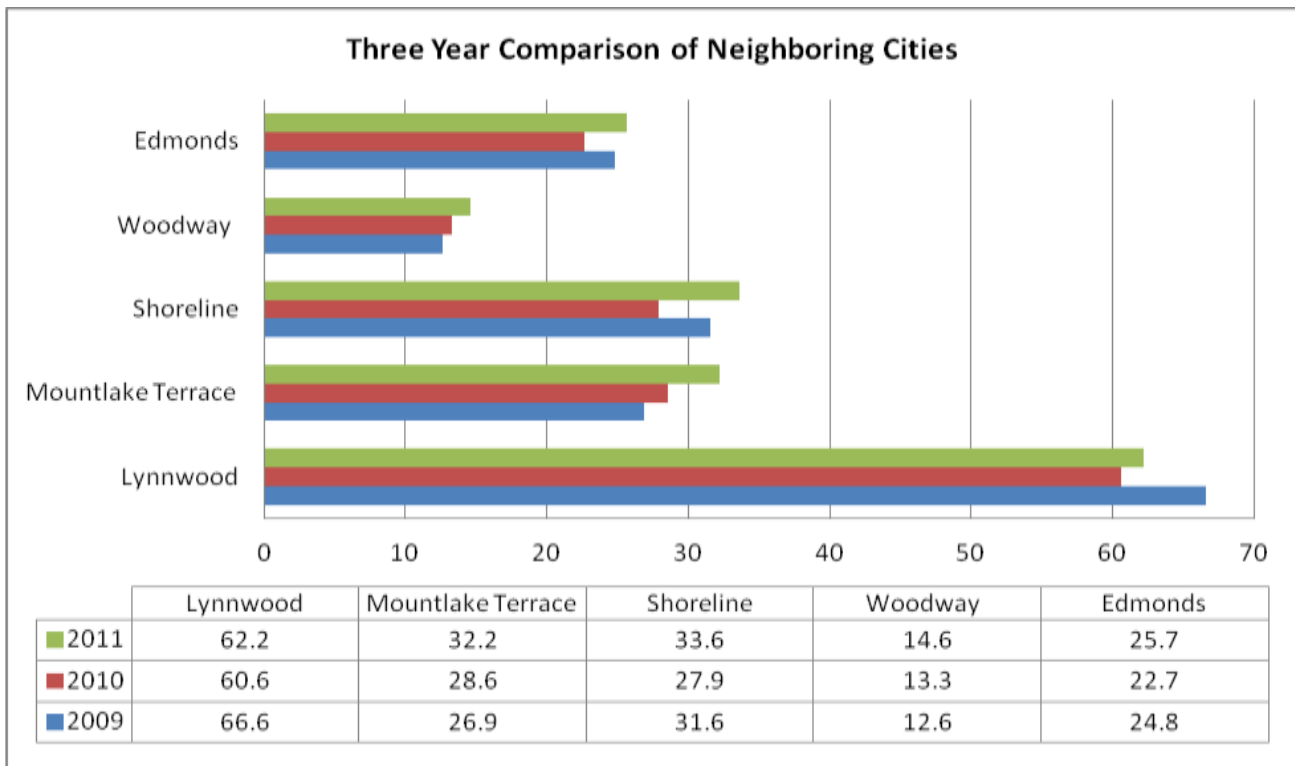
“Part I Crimes” is a category of crimes established by the U. S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that consists of murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson. Part I Crimes compared to the population are known as the “Crime Index” or “Crime Rate.” (The Crime Rate is known as the Modified Crime Index when arson data is included.) Part I crimes are, by definition, felony crimes.



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Below is a three year comparison of the “Modified Crime Index” for neighboring cities that are contiguous with the City of Edmonds.



“Part II Crimes” consist of all other crimes not included in the Part I Crimes category. Part II Crimes vary in definition due to differences in local laws. Some examples locally include simple assault, malicious mischief, vehicle prowling, fraud, forgery, narcotics violations and sex offenses (excluding forcible rape).

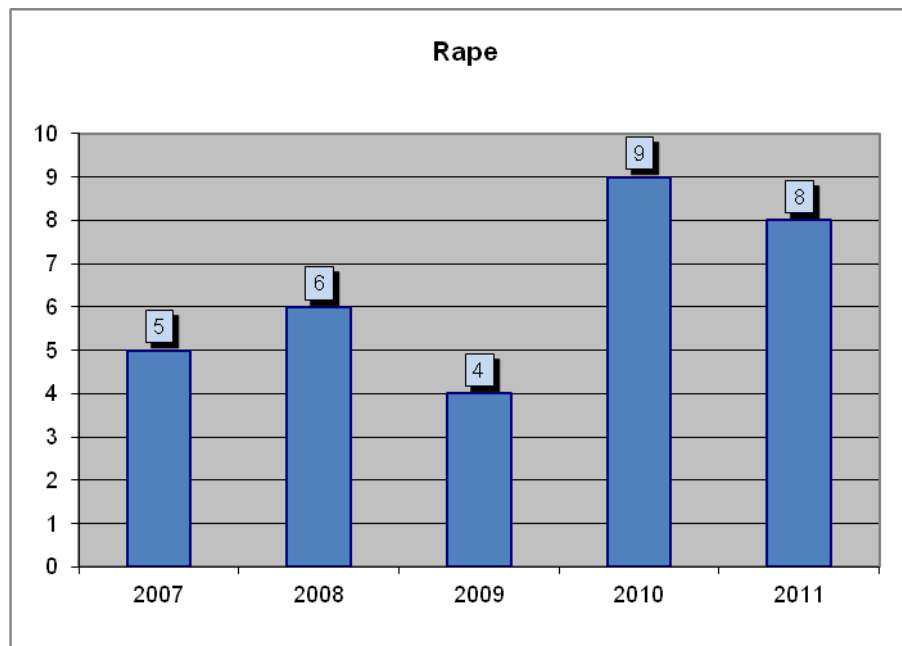
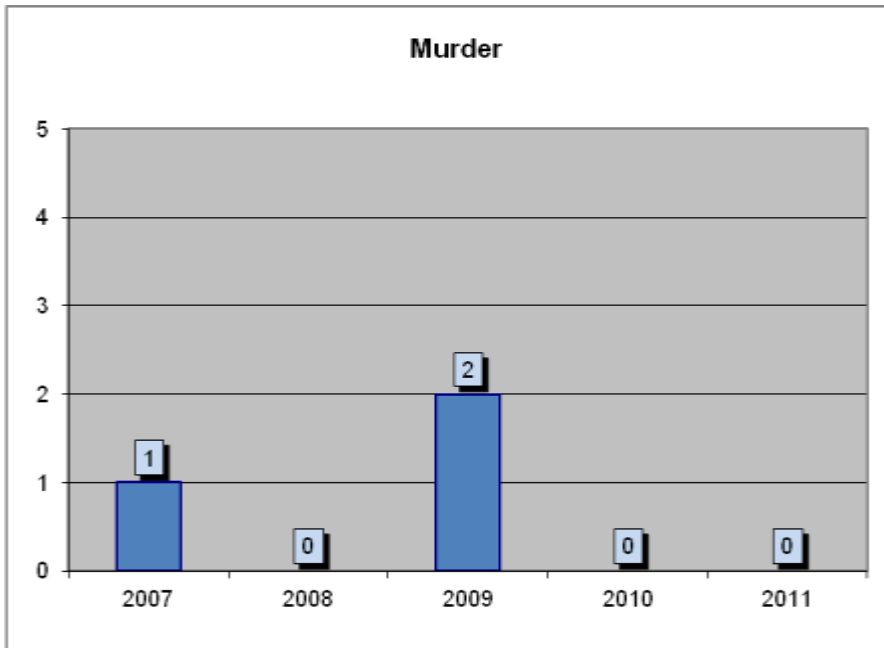
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Crimes Against Persons

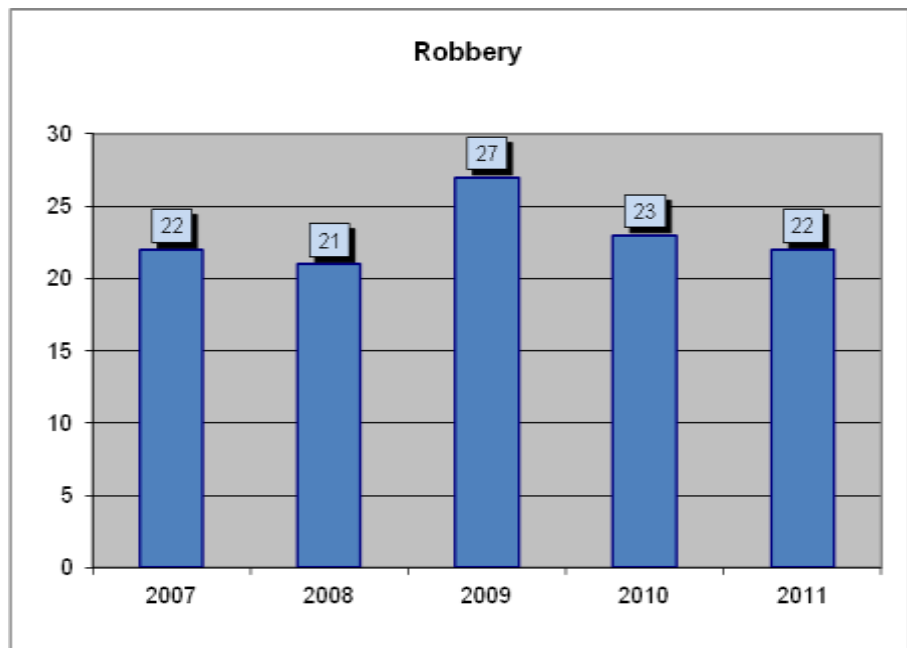
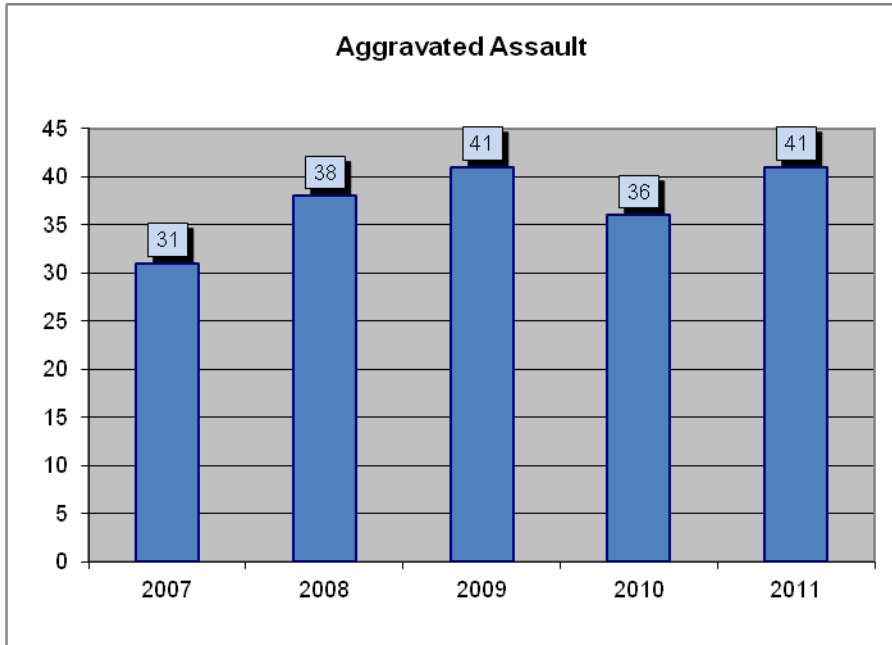
Part I Crimes Against Persons

Part I Crimes include crimes categorized as “violent crimes” or “crimes against persons.” The following are Edmonds’ Part I Crimes against persons for the last five years.



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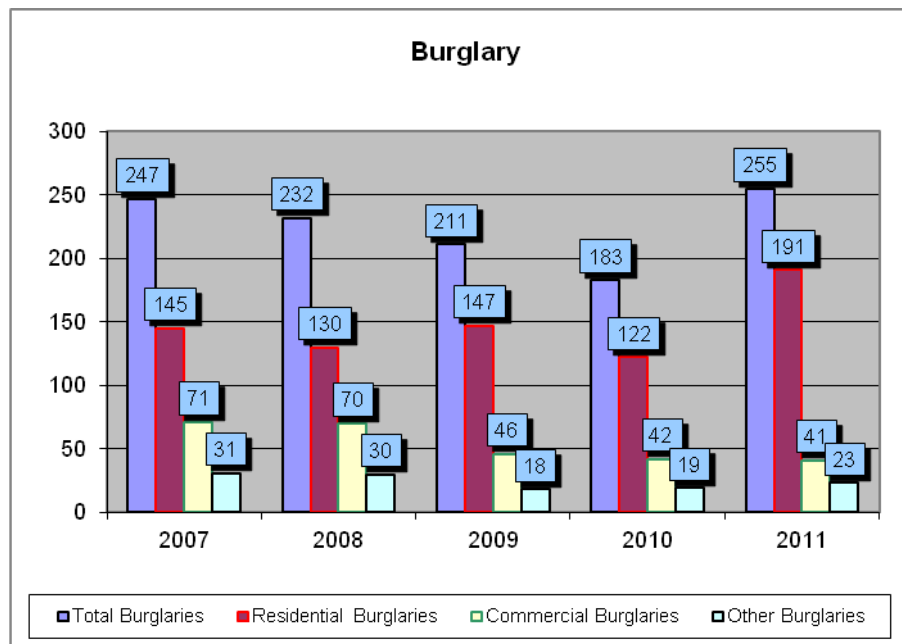
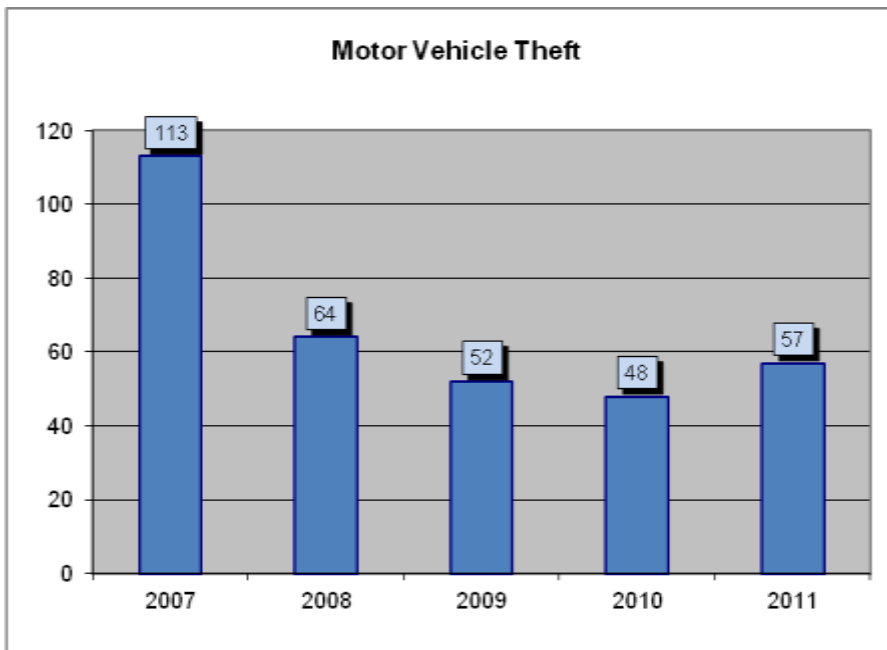
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Crimes Against Property

Part I Crimes against Property

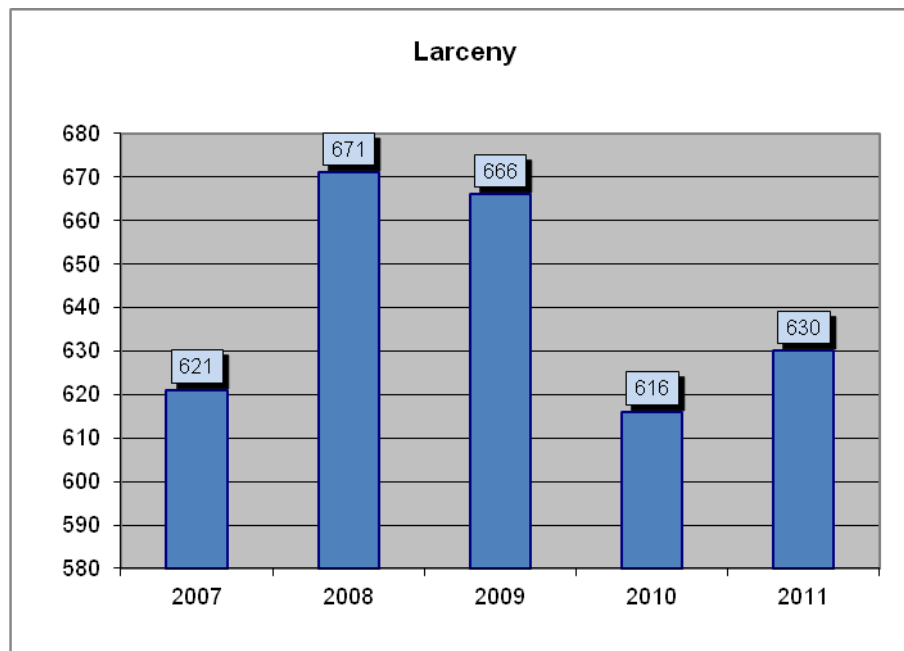
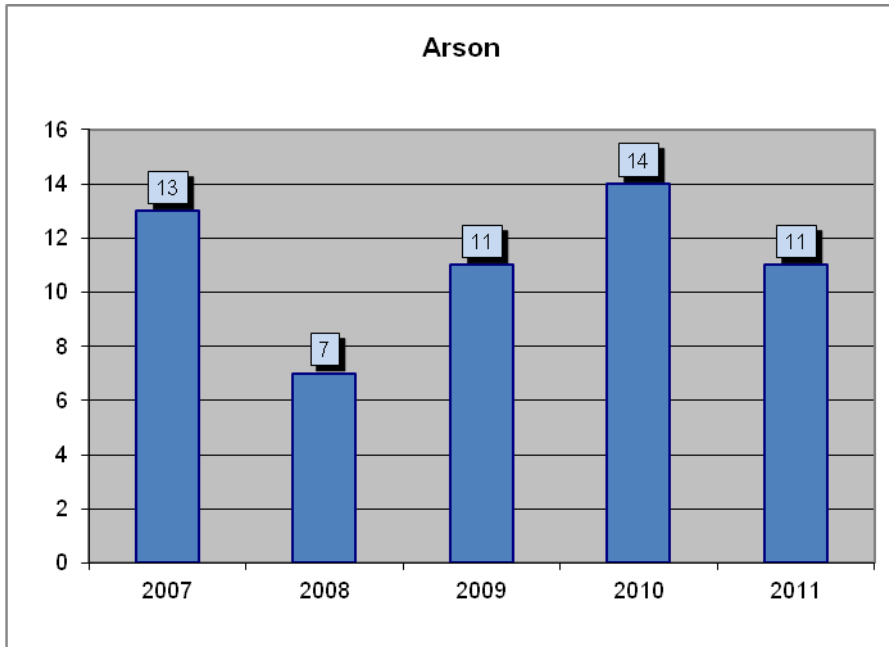
The second group of crimes that make up the Part I Crimes are known as “non-violent crimes,” “crimes against property,” or “property crimes.” The following are Edmonds’ Part I Crimes against property for the last five years.



NOTE: Other burglaries include boats, storage sheds, etc.

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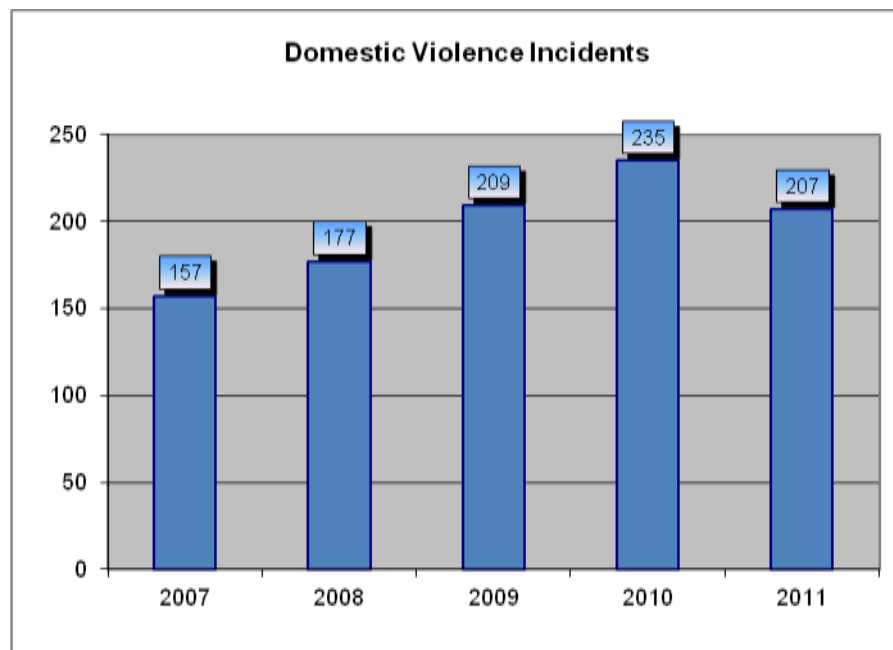
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Domestic Violence Crimes

In Washington State, "domestic violence crime" refers to any crime that is committed by a spouse, former spouse, person related by blood or marriage, persons who have a child in common, former/current roommates, persons who have or had a dating relationship, and/or persons related to the suspect by the parent-child (biological or legal) relationship. In some cases, the age of the victim or suspect may determine whether or not the legal definition above is met.

"Domestic violence incidents" include all documented police activity related to domestic violence incidents. This includes all case reports and citations, as well as possibly containing other related activity such as field interview reports and assistance to other agencies.



The most frequently occurring types of domestic violence crimes in Edmonds in 2011 were:

<u>Crime</u>	<u>Reported Incidents</u>
Assault, fourth degree	129
Violation of court orders	64
All other	3
Assault, ODW	6
Assault, with hands	8
Residential Burglary, forced entry	2

NOTE: There were 0 domestic violence related homicides in Edmonds in 2011. In some cases, a single reported incident may be categorized under more than one crime classification.

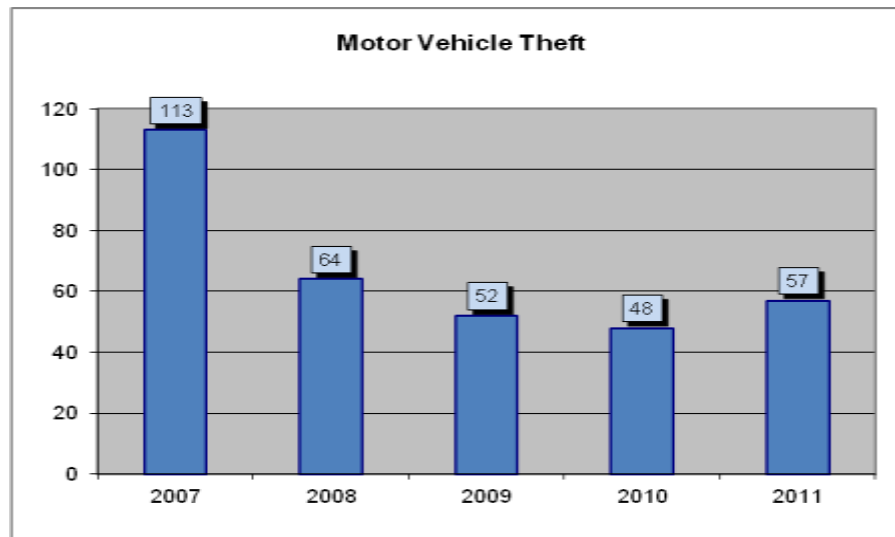
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Automobile/Vehicle Related Crimes

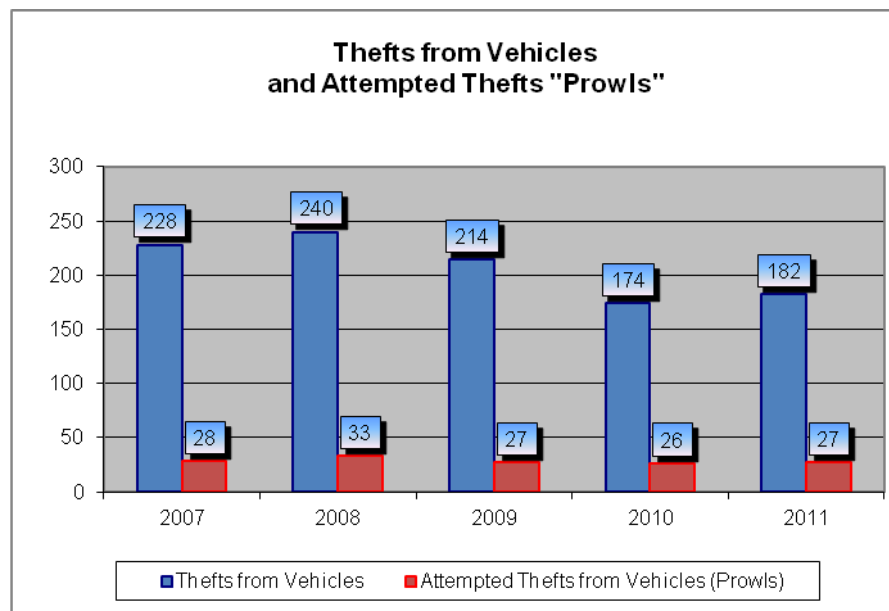
Vehicle Thefts

Vehicle thefts include thefts of all vehicles including trucks, buses, boats, recreational vehicles and other non-licensed off-road vehicles.



Thefts from Vehicles and Attempted Thefts

This category includes thefts of property *from* a vehicle. This includes any part or accessory item attached to the vehicle (gasoline, tires, tape decks, antennas, etc.) and personal property left in a vehicle (purses, gifts, tools, etc.). This category also includes vehicle prowls where no property is successfully taken, but the vehicle was entered by the suspect(s).



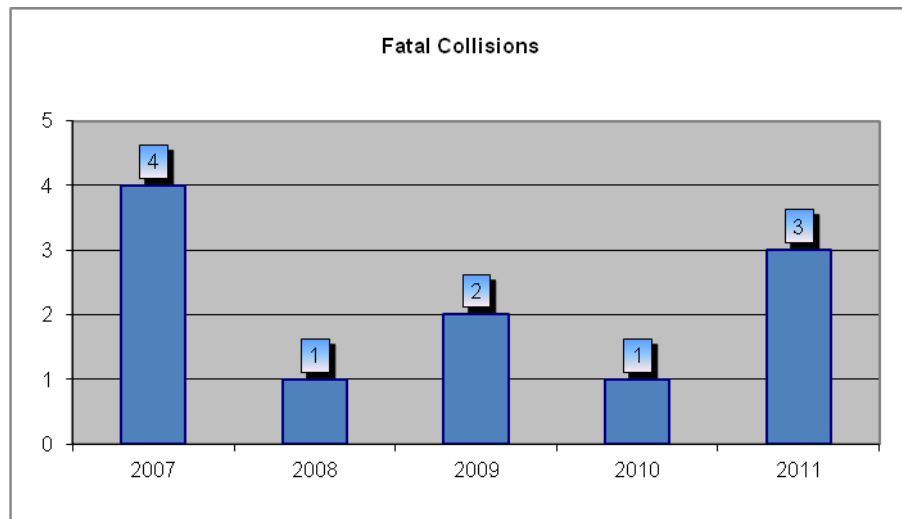
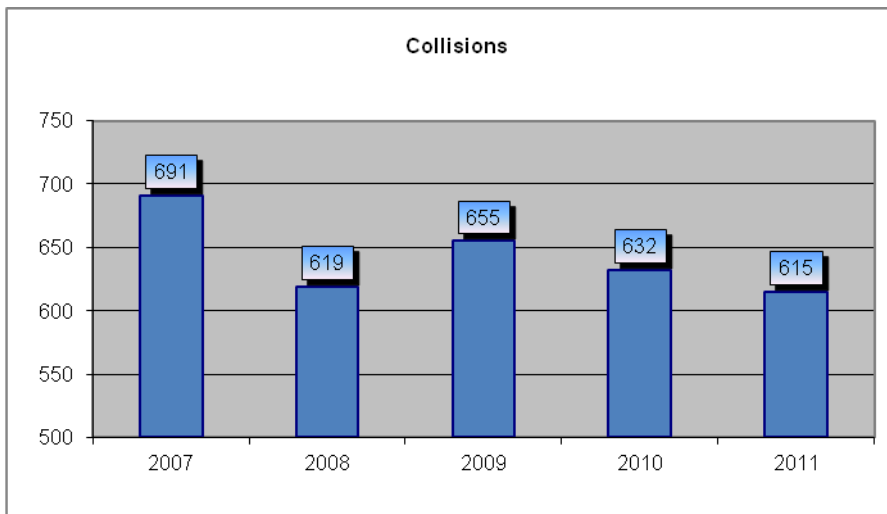
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Traffic Incident Information

Collision Data

Collision information includes reports for injury, non-injury and fatality vehicle collisions in the City of Edmonds. Fatal collision data is included in the overall collision data.

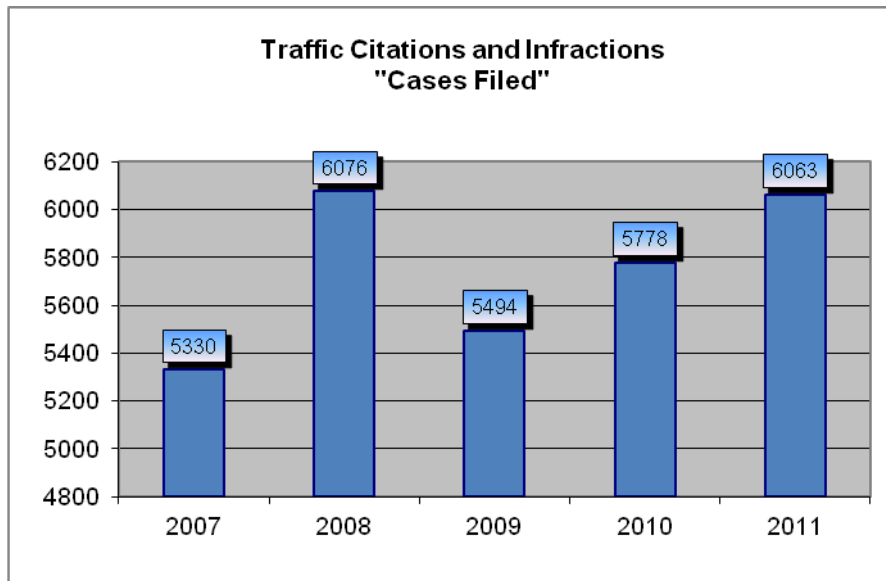


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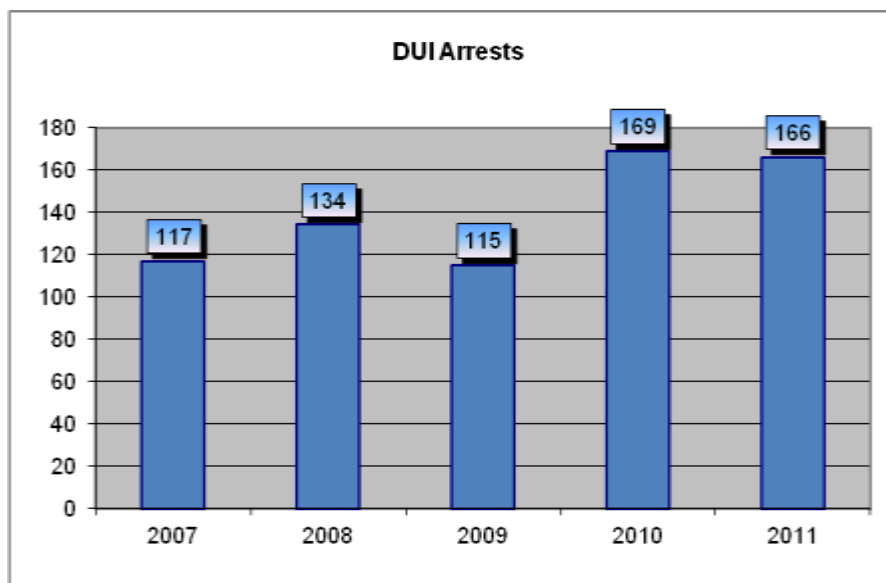
Citation Data

Traffic citations include reports of all moving/hazardous violations (such as all accidents, speeding, and reckless driving), and non-moving compliance violations (such as defective equipment and parking violations).



DUI Enforcement

Individuals operating motor vehicles while under the influence of alcohol and/or narcotics is a problem that the Edmonds Police Department takes very seriously. Apprehending these individuals is a high priority for the Traffic Unit and the Department as a whole. The Edmonds Police Department has two officers assigned as nighttime traffic units whose primary mission is the apprehension of DUI offenders.

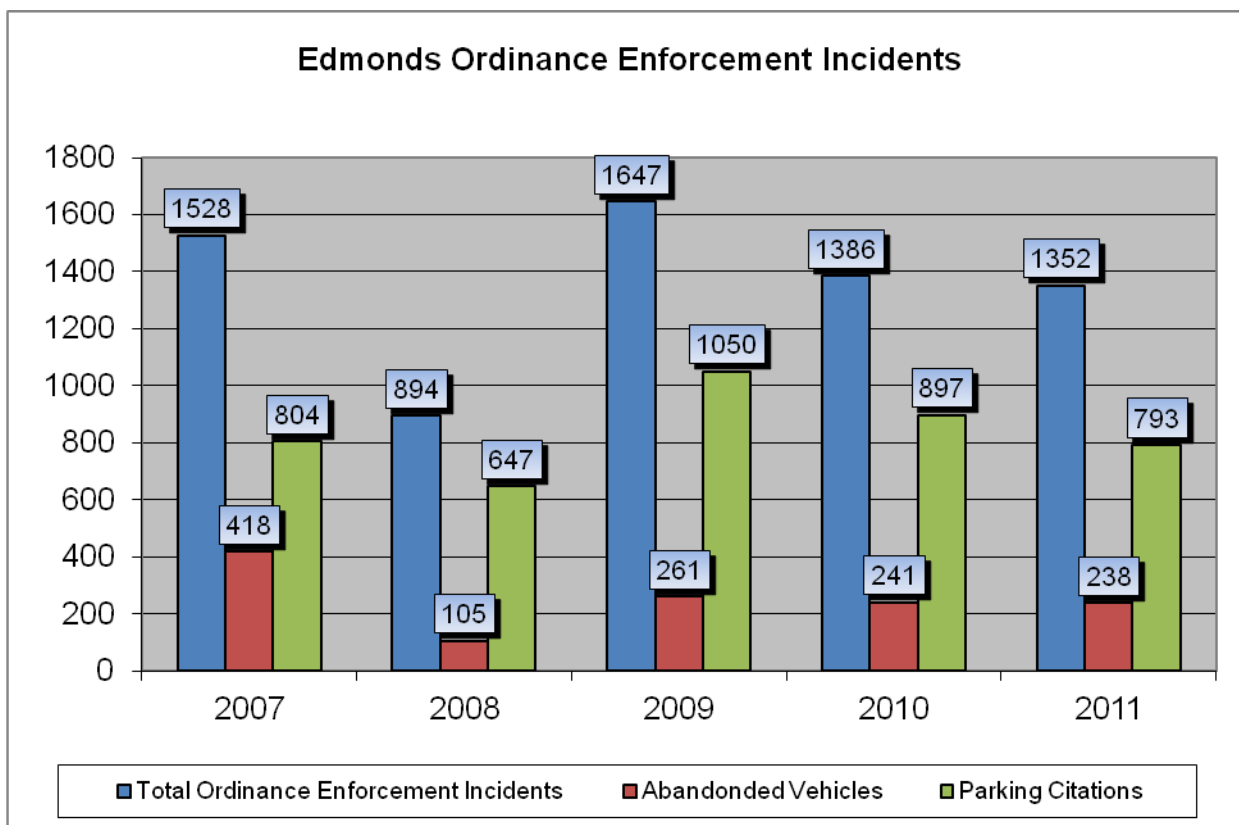


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Animal Control/Ordinance Enforcement

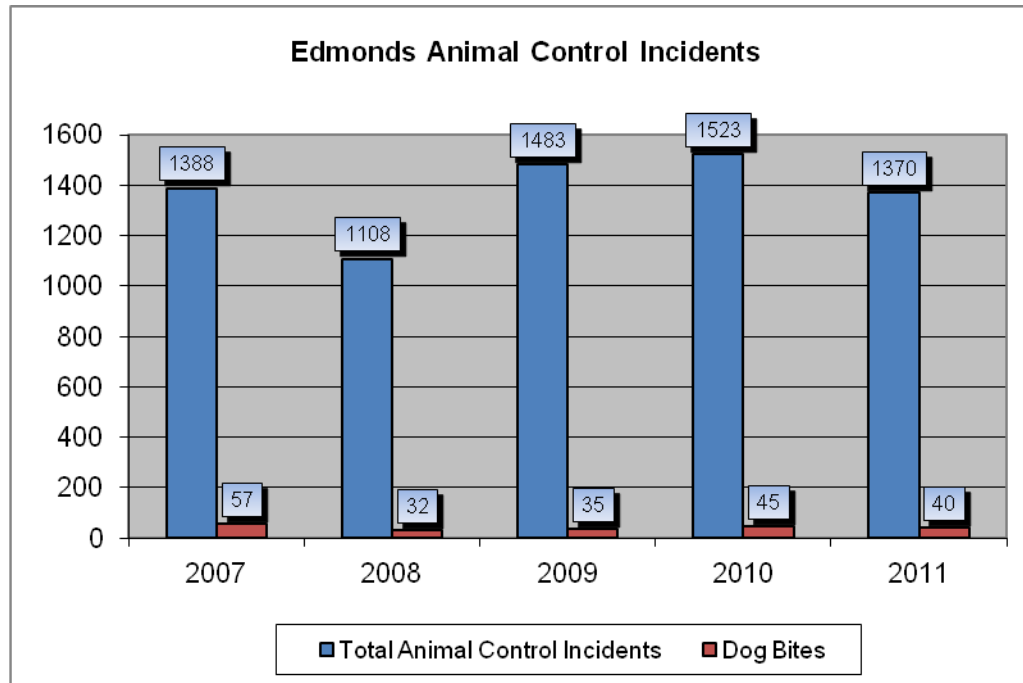
Animal Control/Ordinance Enforcement is responsible for the capture and impounding of sick, injured, deceased and stray domestic and non-domestic animals, the issuance of animal licenses and the taking of whatever subsequent enforcement action as needed. In addition, Animal Control/Ordinance Enforcement is responsible for the enforcement of ordinances relating to parking, abandoned vehicles and illegal dumping.



NOTE: Total incidents include those relating to parking, abandoned vehicles and illegal dumping.

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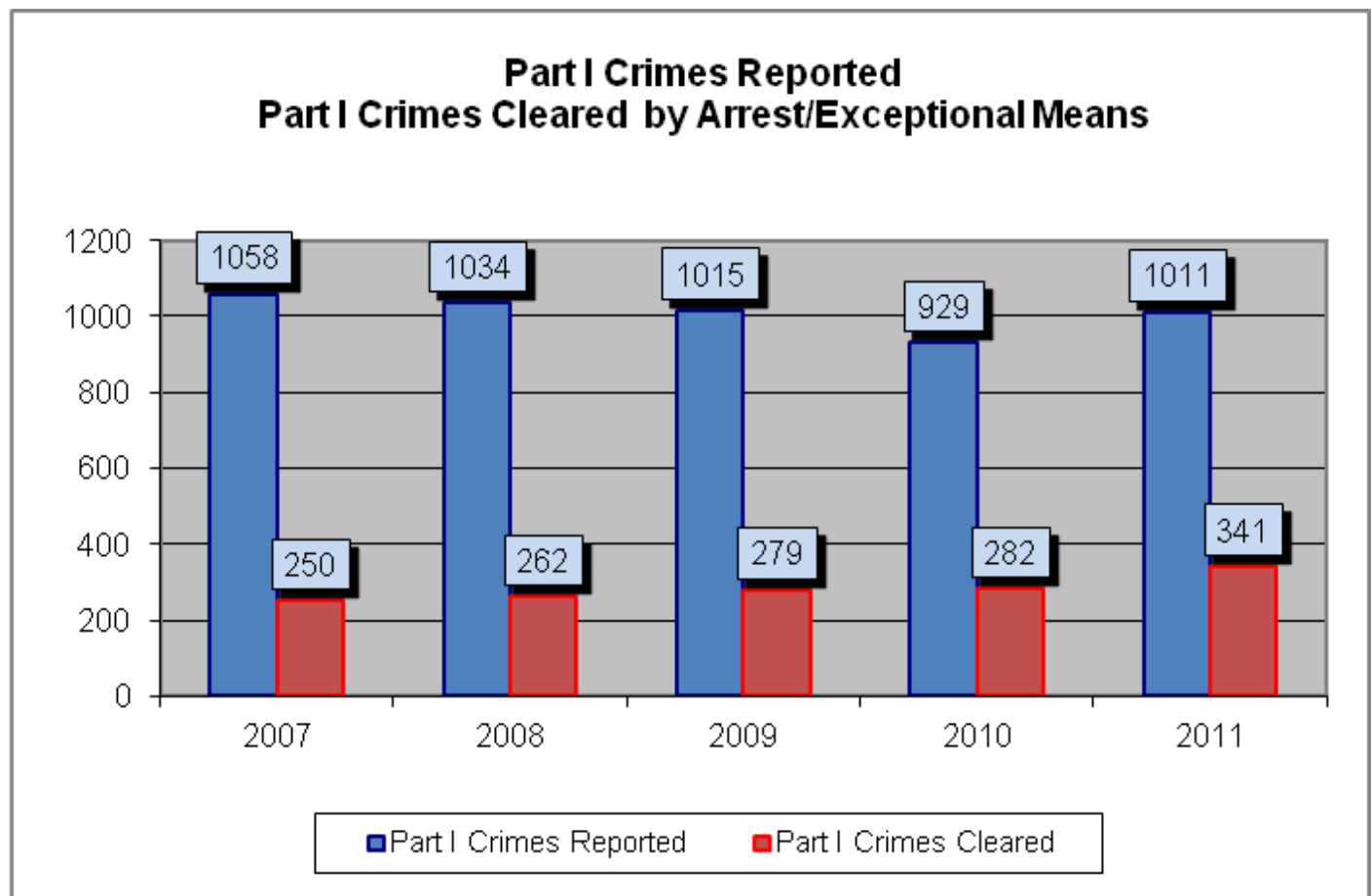
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Apprehension of Offenders

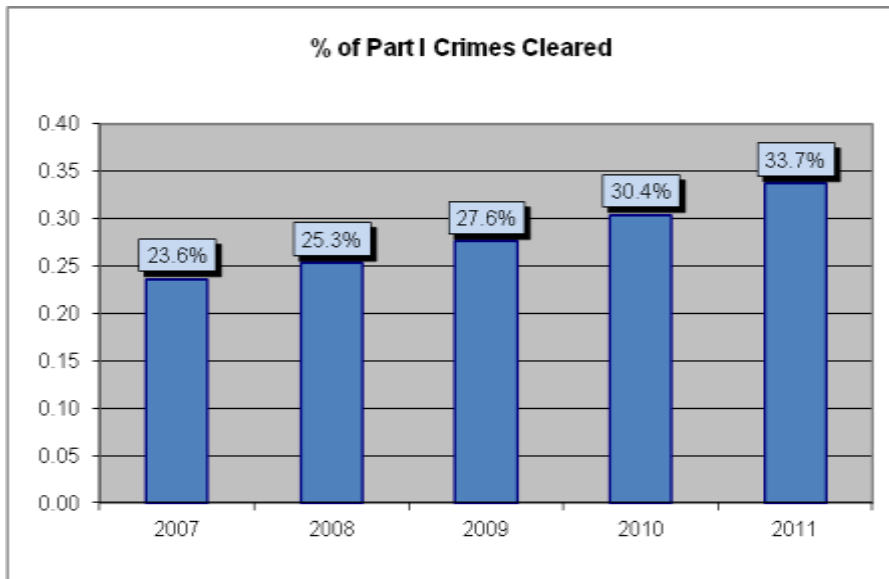
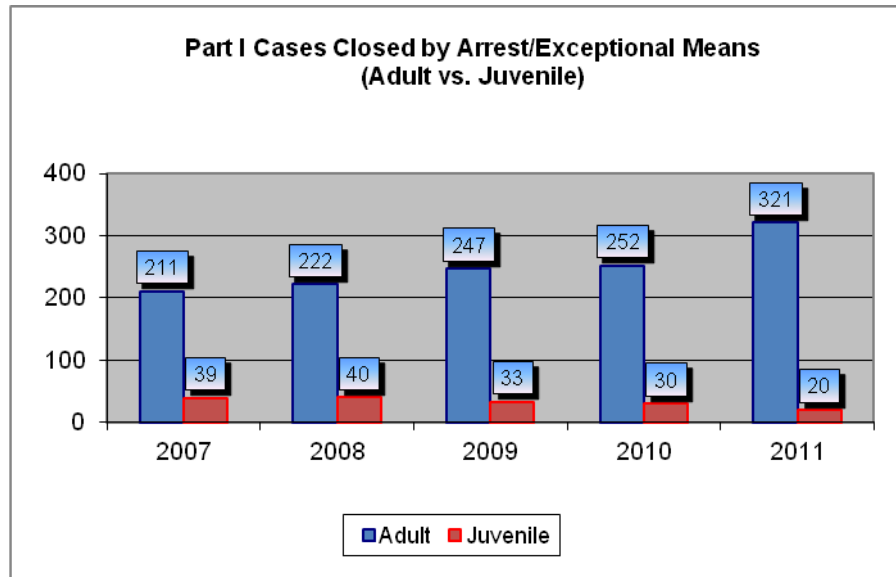
Part I Cases Closed “Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means”

The tracking of Part I Crimes is very important to law enforcement due to the severity and violence associated with these crimes. Part I Crimes can be cleared as a result of the filing of criminal charges (arrest) or by exceptional means. To clear a case as exceptional, the following criteria have to be met: 1) the offender's identity has been established, 2) there is enough information to support an arrest, charge, and the turning over of the case to the court for prosecution, 3) the exact location of the suspect is known so that the individual may be taken into custody and 4) there is some reason outside of law enforcement control that precludes arresting, charging and prosecuting the offender. Examples include, but are not limited to, the offender being deceased, the offender being prosecuted by an outside jurisdiction for the same offense, extradition being denied, or the victim refusing to cooperate in prosecution.



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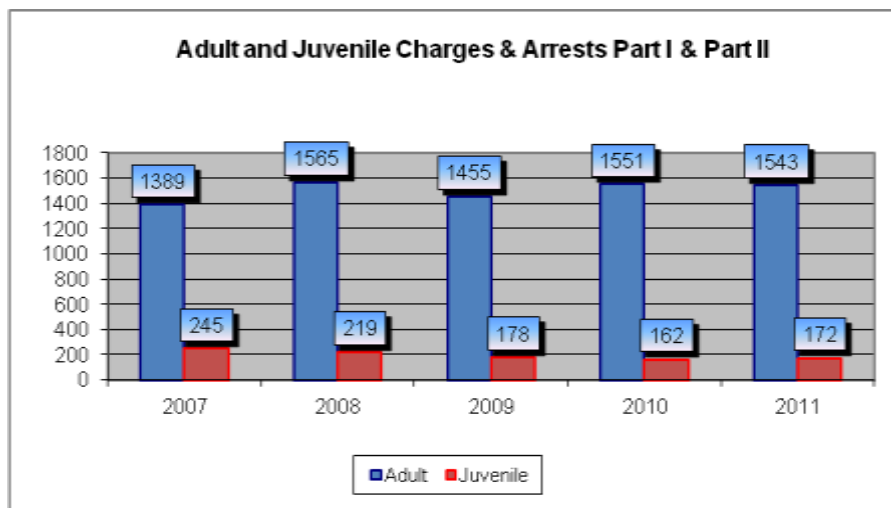


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Charges and Arrests

The closed cases (Part I & Part II) below are cases known as “cleared by arrest.” Although not in every case is a suspect “arrested”, each suspect in these cases has been recommended for criminal charges that may eventually result in an arrest or another form of punitive action (such as a citation). Cases “cleared by arrest” are sent to either the Snohomish County Prosecutor’s Office or to the Edmonds City Prosecutor’s Office with the officer’s or detective’s recommendation to file criminal charges. A prosecuting attorney is solely responsible for the decision to formally file charges and prosecute defendants. One or more charges can result from a single arrest. The following are the total number of charges and arrests by adult and juvenile status.



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The Edmonds Police Foundation

Citizen Involvement is the Key to Community Safety

The Edmonds Police Foundation was created in 1996 as a community-based organization to assist the Edmonds Police Department through education, fund raising, and citizen involvement. Their goal is to make Edmonds a better and safer place to live through programs designed to enhance public safety using community partnerships and citizen outreach.

Public Safety

Modern public safety demands require that police departments be better trained, better equipped, and more in touch with the specific needs of their communities than ever before. While these requirements have increased with concerns such as terrorism and school violence, tax dollars only provide the basic necessities. The Foundation is dedicated to providing our police force with the most modern equipment, technology and training.

Citizen Outreach

The foundation seeks to create a culture of opportunities for community members to enhance their awareness of public safety and crime prevention issues. This is done with outreach programs, public events and community partnerships.

A major component of this outreach effort is the annual Edmonds Night Out. This free community event is organized by the foundation and combines family fun with public safety awareness and is made possible by the generous help of local businesses and numerous volunteers. For more on Edmonds Night Out, including photographs, please visit:

<http://edmondspolicefoundation.org/EdmondsNightOut.html>

For more information about the Edmonds Police Foundation, please visit their website at:

<http://www.edmondspolicefoundation.org/>

The Edmonds Police Foundation is a corporation organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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Departmental Responses to Service Requests and Accountability

The goal "to provide high-quality, cost-effective, and accountable services" is a goal any service industry might strive to reach. It reflects a concern for the appropriate and effective use of community resources. Efforts to support this goal are made in partnership with elected officials and police administrators, taking into consideration problem areas, community concerns for quality of life and available resources.

The means chosen to provide direction for the Edmonds Police Department in support of this goal are:

- Provide responsive services to citizens, and
- Provide cost-effective services to citizens.

The measures on the following pages report the efforts and accomplishments of the Edmonds Police Department using traditional responsiveness measures such as:

- Response times,
- Complaints, and
- Cost comparisons, shown in ratios of costs by the population, available revenue, staffing, and volume of work.



Badge Mural on the lower floor south wall

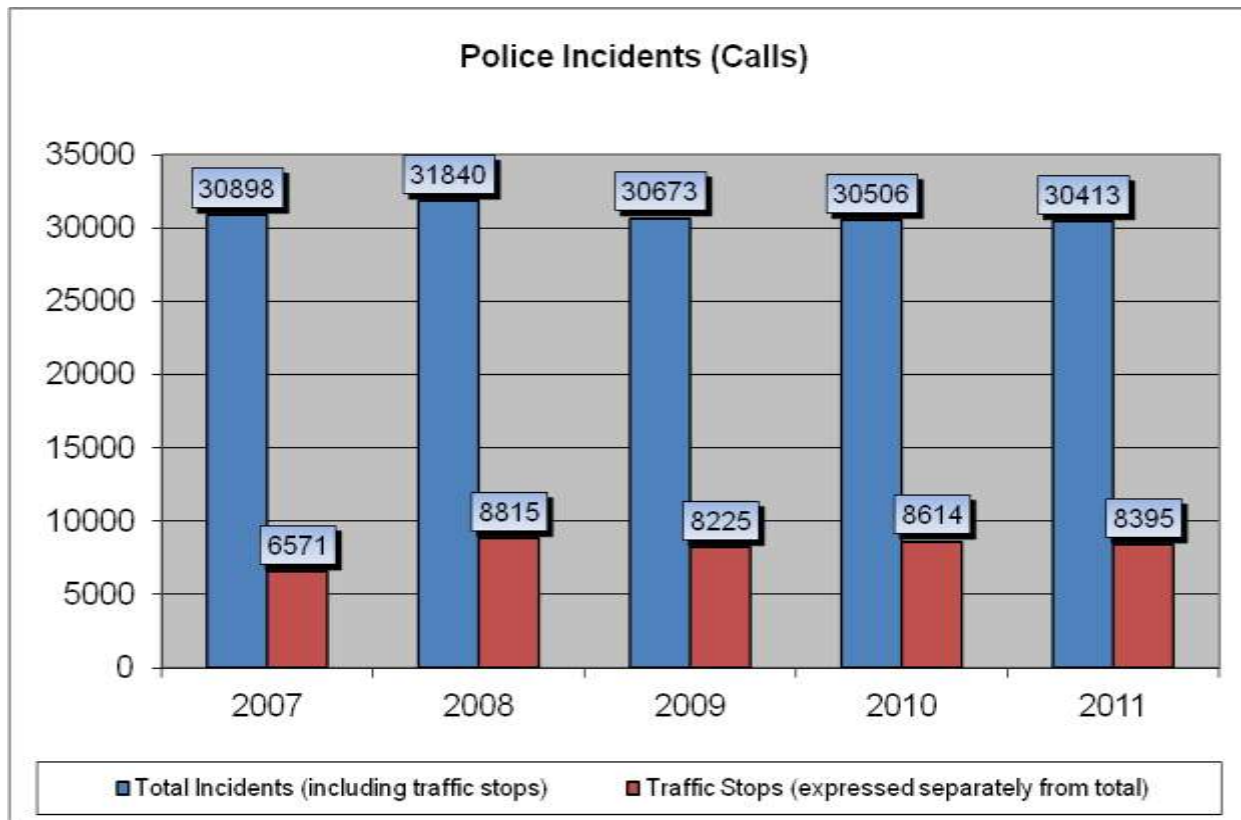
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Response to Calls

Total Agency Incidents and Traffic Stops

Police engage in a variety of activities in a workday. Primarily, police activity is captured in the number of “incidents” responded to during a day. An incident may be called in by a citizen to the 9-1-1 center (SnoCom) or may be “self initiated” by the officer responding to a crime they’ve witnessed, by initiating a traffic stop or by addressing chronic problems in a neighborhood or specific location.



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Response Times to High Priority Calls

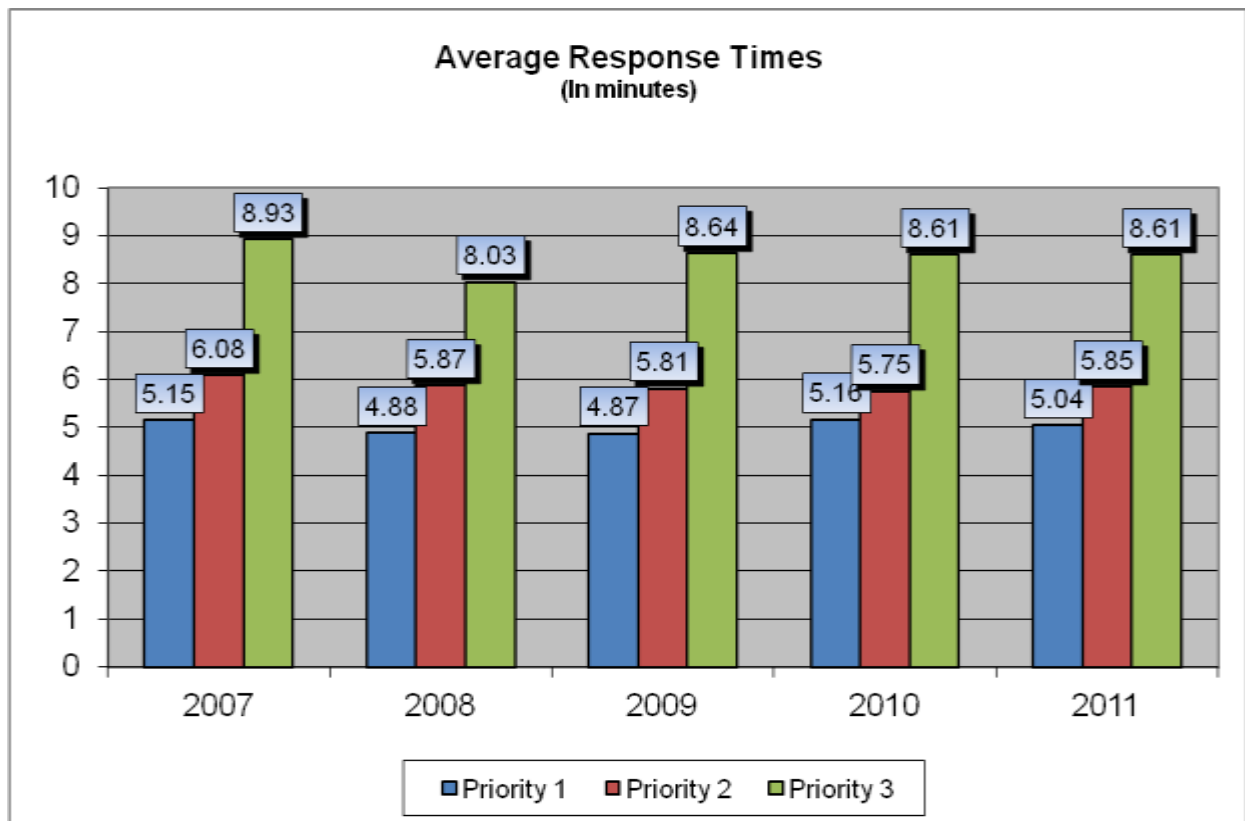
Call Priorities and Response Times

When calls for police assistance are received by SnoCom, they are entered into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and given a “priority” based on the criteria described below. If the call receiver is in doubt as to the appropriate priority, the call is assigned the higher of the two priority designators in question.

“Priority 1” designates critical, in progress dispatches. These are incidents that pose an obvious danger to the life of an officer or citizen. It is used for felony crimes in-progress where the possibility of confrontation between a victim and suspect exists. Examples include injury traffic accidents, fights, prowlers, shootings, stabbings, robberies or burglaries.

“Priority 2” designates immediate dispatches. These calls include “Priority 1” calls that are not actually in progress (just occurred) but still requiring an accelerated police response. Examples include silent alarms, non-injury traffic accidents, harassment, verbal disputes, suspicious persons/vehicles, trespassing or crimes so recent that the suspect may still be in the immediate area.

“Priority 3” designates all calls or requests for service not indicated as “Priority 1” or “Priority 2”, unless individual circumstances dictate a stronger priority. Examples include barking dogs, parking complaints, lost/found property and public assists.



* The times reflected are from the time the call is dispatched by SnoCom until the time the officer arrives.

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Departmental Accountability

Complaints against Officers

Complaints against police officers can originate from the public or be initiated internally by police department personnel. When a complaint is made, the respective Assistant Chief of Police, who reports directly to the Chief, will review the complaint and determine the level of complaint investigation called for depending upon the allegation and the extent of the information available. Upon completion of the review of the charges in a complaint, utilizing the preponderance of the evidence standard, the matter shall be classified by the Chief of Police or designee, as follows:

- a. Exonerated – defined as; the conduct or action occurred but it was lawful, within policy, and proper.
- b. Unfounded – defined as; the alleged conduct did not occur.
- c. Not Sustained – defined as; insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint.
- d. Closed/Incomplete – defined as; the investigation could not be completed due to lack of cooperation of complainant.
- e. Sustained – defined as; the allegation was supported by proper and sufficient evidence and constituted a violation of policy and/or law.

Note: Complaint reviews may also be withdrawn or suspended due to a withdrawal of the complaint by the complainant or by the resignation of the officer prior to the complaint review being completed.

The following are the total numbers of internal and external complaints that were formally investigated by the department involving conduct of Edmonds police officers and their dispositions:

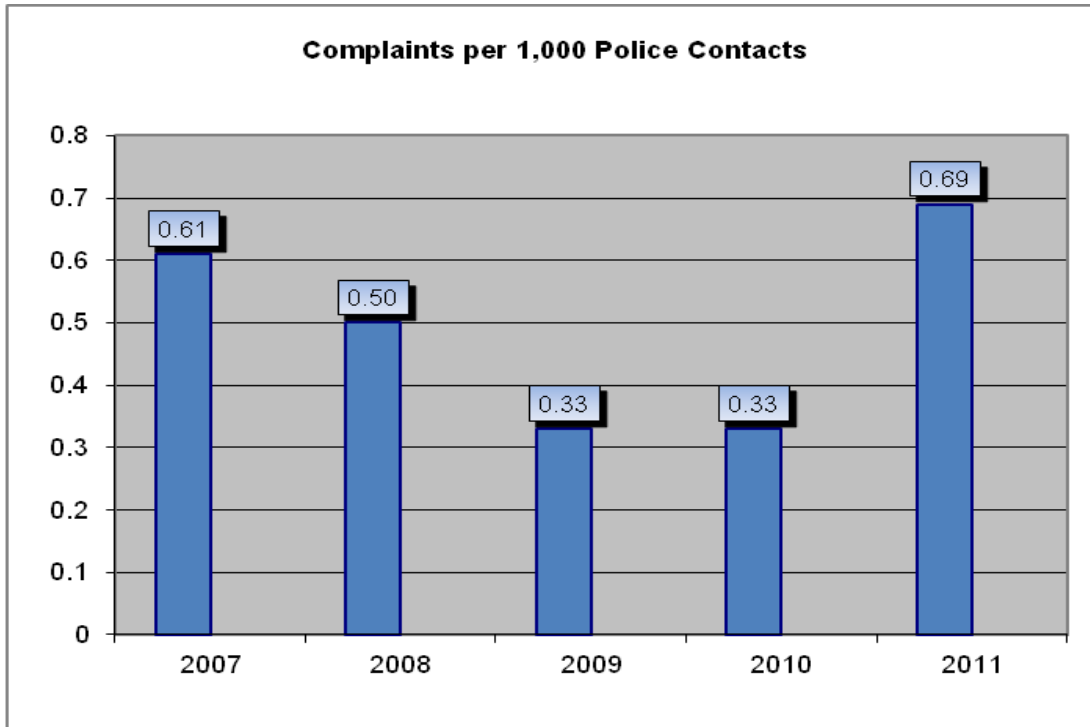
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Number of Complaints *	19	16	10	10	21
Exonerated	6	4	1	4	11
Unfounded	0	5	2	1	4
Not Sustained	3	1	5	3	8
Closed/Incomplete	0	0	0	0	0
Sustained	6	7	11	4	9
Suspended/Withdrawn	3	2	0	0	0
Number of Police Contacts	30,898	31,840	30,673	30,506	30,413

*NOTE – The total number of complaints may not equal the sum of dispositions as one complaint may result in more than one department member being investigated and/or more than one policy violation finding. One complaint was still in process and being investigated at year's end.

Of the nine complaints resulting in a finding of "sustained" in 2011, all nine resulted in disciplinary action being taken. The discipline ranged from a written reprimand to suspension with loss of pay, and one demotion. Also of note is that of the twenty-one total complaints, six were generated internally by our own employees as part of the department's efforts to ensure a high level of professionalism and accountability; the remaining fifteen were the result of citizen complaints.

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This table represents each year's total number of investigated complaints per 1000 police contacts under the heading of "Response to Calls" on page 26.

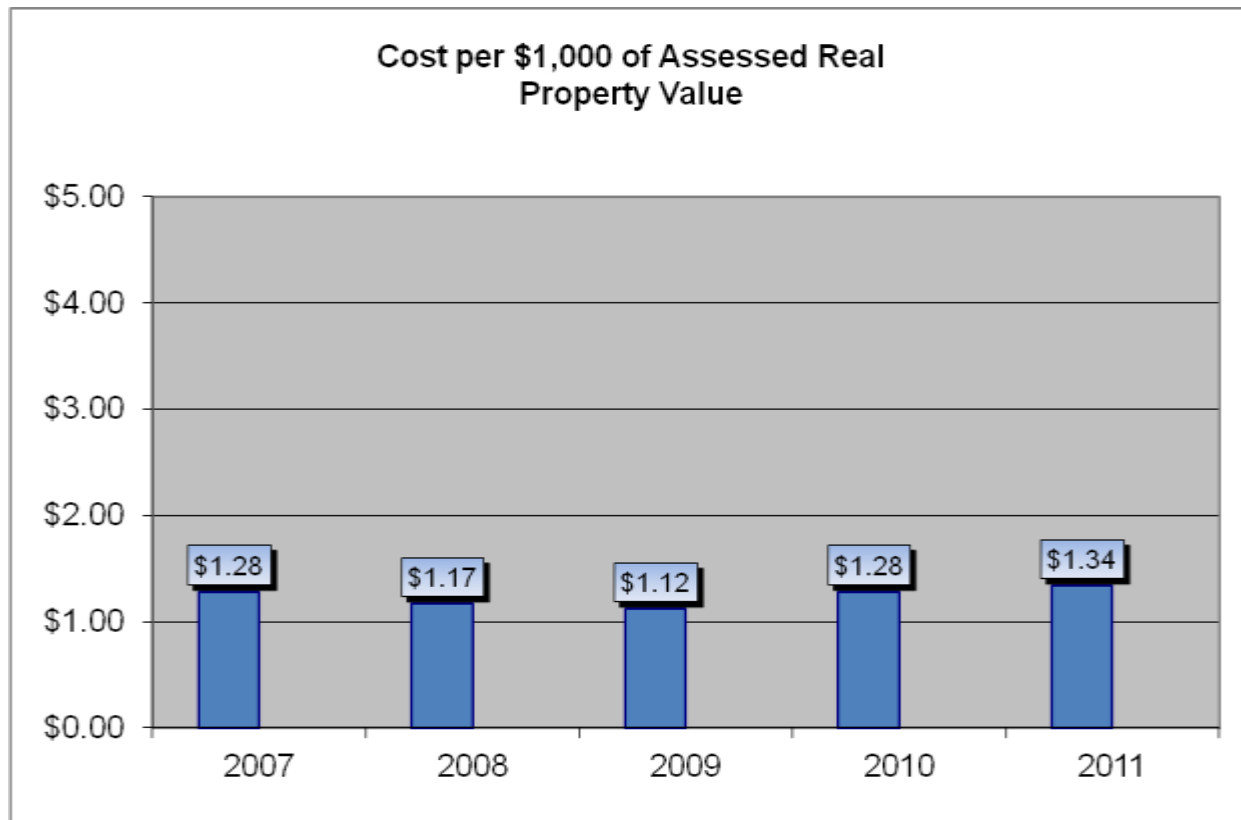
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Cost per \$1,000 of Assessed Real Property Value

Cost per \$1,000 of assessed real property value reflects the Edmonds Police Department's annual budget (minus jail costs) in relationship to the assessed real property values of Edmonds.

*Note – During the years 2005 and 2006, the Edmonds Police Department contracted with Stevens Hospital for security service. The associated budget expenses for those services are included in the equation.



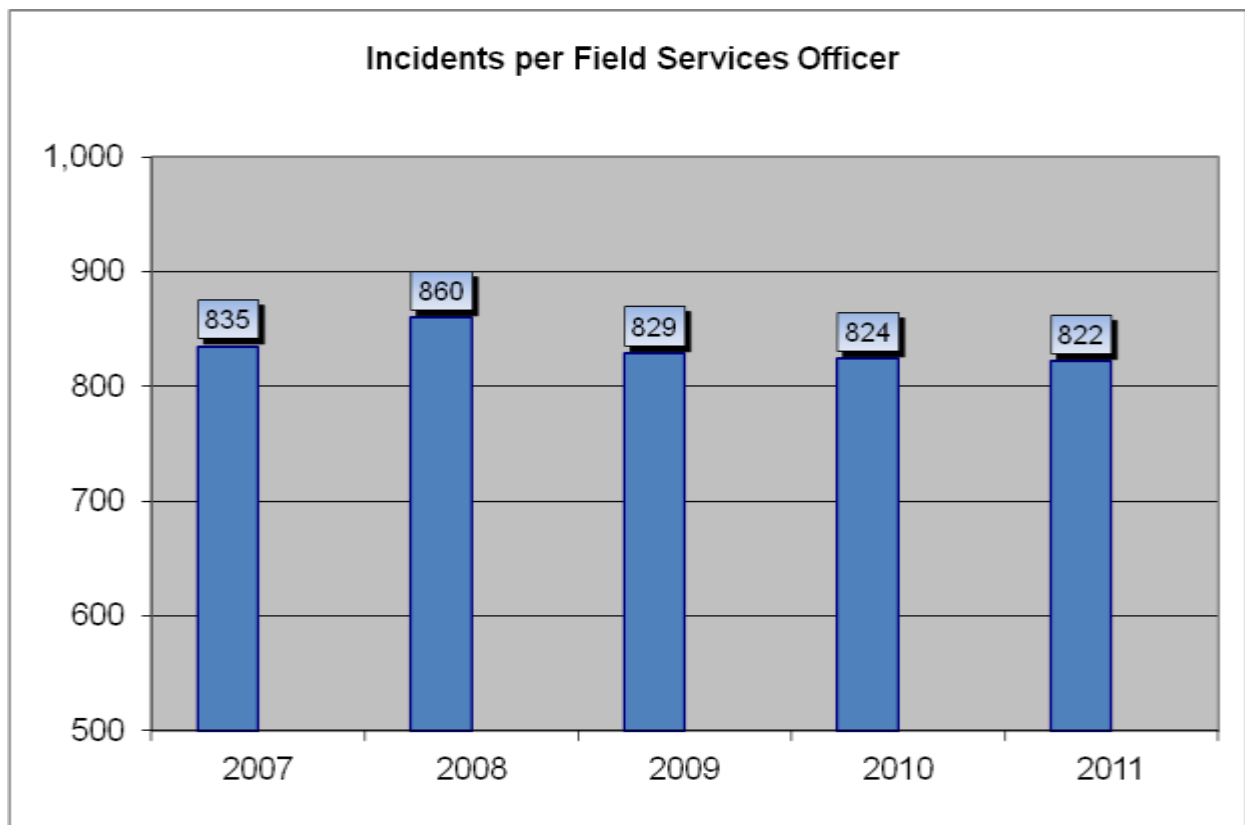
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Calls for Service (Police Incidents) per Field Services Officer

Calls for service per patrol officer gives a picture of the average number of incidents one patrol officer responds to within a year. The numbers below are for Field Services which include patrol, traffic, animal control/parking enforcement, patrol corporals and patrol sergeants. Support Services, which includes non-patrol commissioned officers (such as special duty officers/detectives and administrators), are not included in the equation.

*Note – During the years 2004 through 2006, the Edmonds Police Department contracted with Stevens Hospital for security service. The associated police incidents handled by the contract security officers are included in those years. In 2006, the Patrol Division went to a 12-hour work shift, however the total hours worked for the year remained the same.

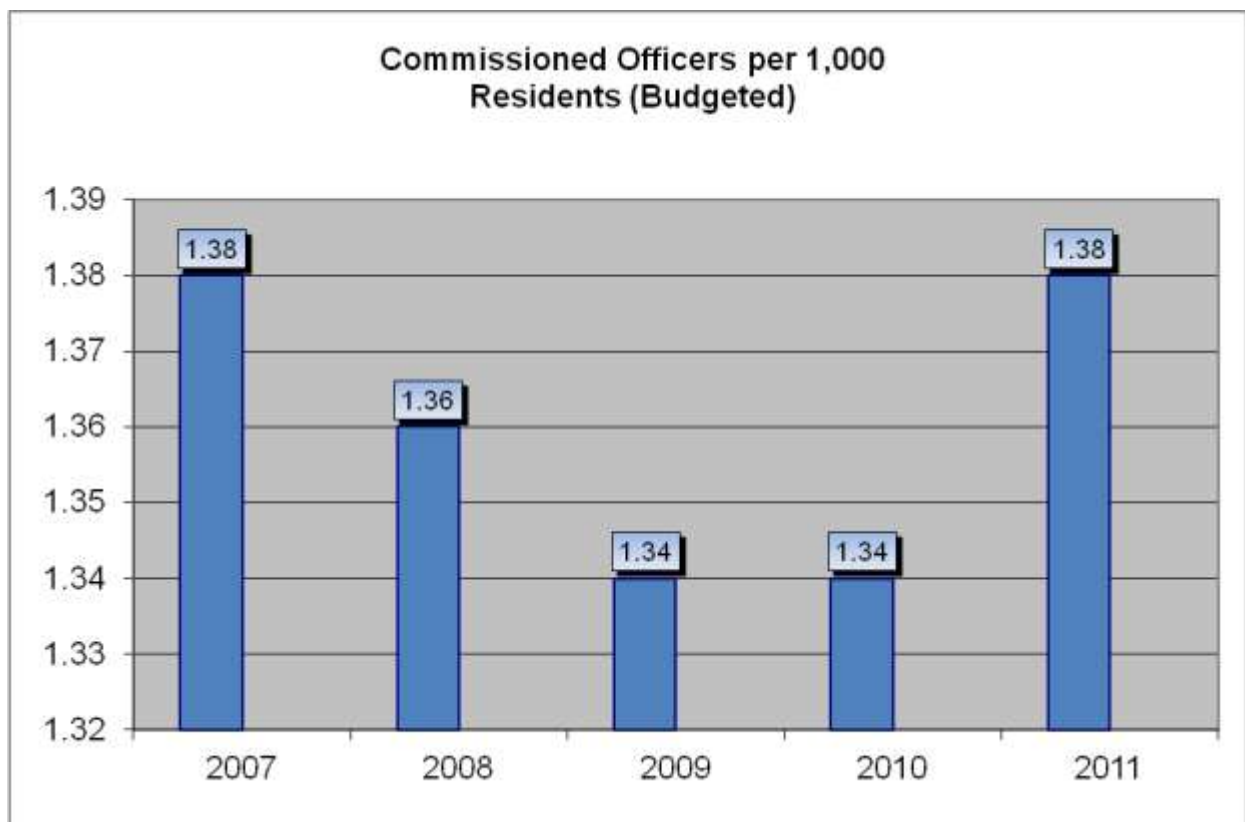


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Commissioned Officers per 1,000 Residents

“Commissioned officers per 1,000 residents” shows how many commissioned police officers are employed by Edmonds for every 1,000 residents. This number includes *budgeted* commissioned officers who work in command, supervisory or other non-patrol related positions, but does not include professional (i.e. non-sworn) support staff. One position was left unfilled following a retirement during 2009 as a cost saving measure due to City wide budgetary issues and an additional two positions remained unfilled for the majority of 2011. The number of authorized officers has remained the same; the shift in the ratio is a result of a fluctuation in the population.



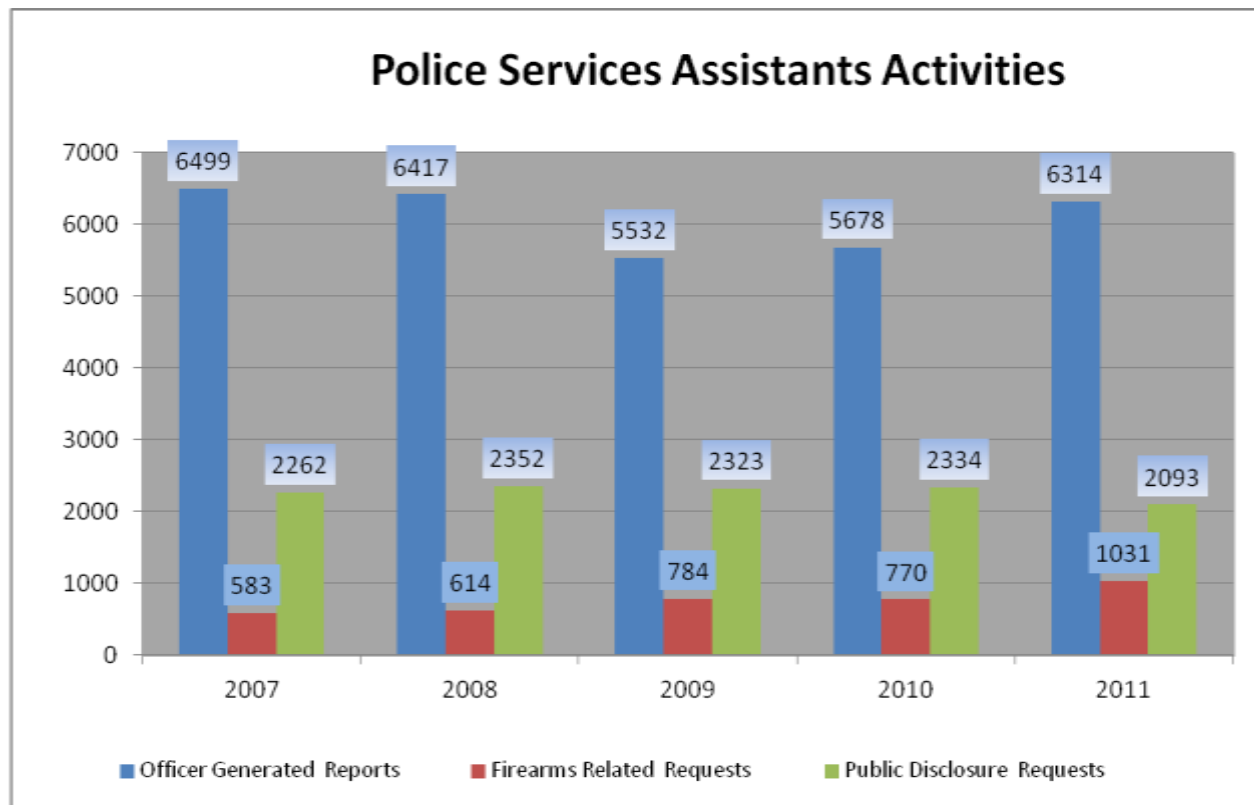
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Police Services Assistants

The Edmonds Police Services Assistants are an integral part of the daily operations for the police department. The Police Services Assistants are non-sworn personnel whose responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the logging and tracking of all officer generated reports, the issuance of concealed firearms permits, processing of gun transfers, the issuance of dog/cat licenses, initial counter contacts with the public, the routing of report requests from outside agencies, phone responses to citizen inquiries, public fingerprinting requests and responding to public disclosure requests.

In recent years, one of the most time consuming impacts on the Police Services Assistants has been the marked increase in the number of public disclosure requests. Since tracking began in 2004, the number of public disclosure requests made of the Edmonds Police Department has doubled and the department now receives on average 9 requests per day. Likewise, the number of firearms related requests (concealed firearms permits, gun transfers) has nearly doubled since 2005. The volume of requests, coupled with the requisite time commitment to respond to each one, has required the full-time dedication of one of the department's five Police Services Assistants to the official public disclosure function.



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Glossary

Cleared by Arrest: Although not in every case is a suspect “arrested,” each suspect in a cleared case has been recommended for criminal charges that may eventually result in an arrest or another form of punitive action (such as a citation). Cases “cleared by arrest” are sent to either the Snohomish County Prosecutor’s Office or to the Edmonds City Prosecutor’s Office with the officer’s or detective’s recommendation to file criminal charges. A prosecuting attorney is solely responsible for the decision to formally file charges and prosecute defendants.

Citation: Often called a “ticket,” a citation is a written document issued to a citizen who commits a crime or violates a law. The citation describes the crime and/or the law that has been violated and identifies the punishment that has been standardized by the court system (i.e., the standardized monetary amounts payable for traffic violations). While citations proscribe a penalty for a crime, they may be challenged through the court system. They usually include instructions for the cited citizen to appeal the citation.

Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD): A computerized communication system used by emergency response agencies for dispatching and tracking calls for emergency assistance.

Domestic Violence: Domestic violence is a subcategory of other crimes. Virtually any crime can be sub-classified as domestic violence. In the State of Washington, domestic violence is defined as a crime of violence against the person or property of a spouse, former spouse, persons related by blood or marriage, persons who have a child in common, former/current roommates, persons who have or had a dating relationship, and persons related to the suspect by the parent-child (biological or legal) relationship. In some cases, the age of the victim or suspect may determine whether or not the legal definition is met.

Felony: Felony crimes are more serious in terms of either harm or loss to persons or property than misdemeanors, and usually are punished by more restrictive methods (i.e. greater fines and/or incarceration) than citations. Felonies have subclasses (A, B and C) that are based on the extent of harm to a person or the dollar value of loss or damage to property.

Call Priorities and Response Times: When calls for police assistance are received by SnoCom, they are entered into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and given a “priority” based on the criteria described below. If the call receiver is in doubt as to the appropriate priority, the call is assigned the higher of the two priority designators in question.

“Priority 1” designates critical, in progress dispatches. These are incidents that pose an obvious danger to the life of an officer or citizen. It is used for felony crimes in-progress where the possibility of confrontation between a victim and suspect exists. Examples include injury traffic accidents, fights, prowlers, shootings, stabbings, robberies or burglaries.

“Priority 2” designates immediate dispatches. These calls include “Priority 1” calls that are not actually in-progress (just occurred) but still requiring an accelerated police response. Examples include silent alarms, non-injury traffic accidents, harassment, verbal disputes, suspicious persons/vehicles, trespassing or crimes so recent that the suspect may still be in the immediate area.

“Priority 3” designates all calls or requests for service not indicated as “Priority 1” or “Priority 2”, unless individual circumstances dictate a stronger priority. Examples include barking dogs, parking complaints, lost/found property and public assists.

Misdemeanor: Crimes that inflict harm or loss but to a lesser extent than a felony (e.g., assault fourth degree or simple assault). Misdemeanors usually are punished through monetary payment via a citation and/or other restrictions (such as restraining orders or no trespass orders), although the court may impose jail time.

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Part I Crimes: This is a category of crimes established by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). It includes criminal homicide (which includes murder and non-negligent manslaughter; but excludes deaths by negligence, attempts to kill, suicides, accidental deaths, justifiable homicide, and traffic fatalities), forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

Part I Crimes Against Persons: These crimes are also referred to as "violent crimes." They consist of criminal homicide (as defined above), forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

Murder - The willful (nonnegligent) killing of one human being by another.

Rape - The carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will

Robbery - The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

Aggravated Assault - An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

Part I Crimes Against Property: These are burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

Burglary - The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft.

Larceny-theft - The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.

Motor vehicle theft - The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. A motor vehicle is self-propelled and runs on land surface and not on rails. Motorboats, construction equipment, airplanes, and farming equipment are specifically excluded from this category.

Arson - Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

Part II Crimes: This is a category of crimes consisting of all other crimes not included in the Part I Crimes category. Part II crimes vary due to differences in local laws, but typically include one or more of the following crimes: all other assaults (simple), forgery and counterfeiting, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property (buying, receiving and/or possessing), vandalism, weapons (carrying, possessing, etc.), prostitution and commercialized vice, sex offenses (including statutory rape, indecent exposure, etc. but excluding forcible rape, prostitution and commercialized vice), drug violations, gambling, offenses against families and children, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, liquor violations, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, and others.

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Data Sources

The data compiled in this report was collected from the following sources and, as such, is subject to the data standards and limitations of the source agency:

- City of Edmonds Police contributed information regarding crime prevention activities, problem solving projects, public communication and education efforts.
- Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) (annual state crime statistical data)
- Washington State Office of Financial Management (demographic information)
- Edmonds Police Department contributed the following:
 - Annual Statistical Report: counts for crimes against persons and property, domestic violence incidents, collisions, adult and juvenile charges and arrests, average response time.
 - Records Management System (RMS) system reports: total police contacts, DUI's, traffic collisions, thefts and attempted thefts from vehicles.
 - Professional Standards Unit: regarding complaints investigated against officers or other police department employees.
- Snohomish County Tax Assessor's Office (real property values)
- Southwest Snohomish County Communications Agency (SnoCom) yearly dispatch statistics
- Edmonds Police Foundation web site
- FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook